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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Yutaka MASUDA :  
Serial No. [NEW] : Attn: Application Branch  
Filed February 28, 2002 : Attorney Docket No.2002-0304A  
METHOD FOR QUICKLY RETRIEVING :  
APPROXIMATE COLOR OF METALLIC :  
PAINT COLOR :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claim 6 as follows:*

A1 6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein when displaying an approximate-color retrieval result on a computer screen, computer graphics of metallic paint colors are displayed starting with the smallest weighted-angle average color difference so that a person can visually select an approximate color.

[Please add the following new claims:]

A2 7. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein when displaying an approximate-color retrieval result on a computer screen, computer graphics of metallic paint colors are displayed starting with the smallest weighted-angle average color difference so that a person can visually select an approximate color.